

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: EXPONENTIAL ECHO AND NOISE REDUCTION IN SILENCE INTERVALS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title insert the heading **--Background of the Invention--**.

Page 5, after line 9 (not including paragraph spacing) insert the heading **--Summary of the Invention--**.

Page 6, after line 1, insert:

**--Brief Description of the Drawings**

The invention will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig.1 shows the control signal  $a_0$  in the presence of speech signals, during a silence interval, and when the speech signal resumes;

Fig.2 shows a scheme of an arrangement for controlled signal attenuation;

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